LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 12, 2002**   AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT: **X**   REGULAR: CLOSED SESSION:
                                                                         (Confidential)
ACTION: **X**   INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Food Stamp Employment Training Grant**

RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate $70,000 for the Food Stamp Employment Training (FSET) Grant. The FSET Grant enhances the employability of the Food Stamp Program recipients.

SUMMARY:

The Virginia Department of Social Services has awarded Social Services a Food Stamp Employment Training (FSET) Grant in the amount of $70,000.   This grant will be used in collaboration with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) to conduct education and training for food stamp recipients.

The focus of the training is to provide food stamp recipients with better job and employability skills; to develop a pool of qualified and skilled laborers that can be used to attract industry to Lynchburg; and to improve the community by raising the living standards for low-income families.

The classes will have five training options that will run alternately for networking, industrial maintenance, quality control, building trades and information systems. The participants will be in class over twenty hours a week for eleven to thirteen weeks.

PRIOR ACTION(S): March 5, 2002 Finance and Planning Committee

FISCAL IMPACT: The $70,000 grant is 100% Federal money. There is no local match.

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ATTACHMENT(S):   Resolution

REVIEWED BY:

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That $70,000 is appropriated to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund with full reimbursement from the Virginia Department of Social Services to fund the Food Stamp Employment Training Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Financial Services Director is authorized to make such temporary loans from the General Fund to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund as are necessary to fund this grant.

Introduced: Adopted:

Certified: _____
                        Clerk of Council
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